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Aftermath of Israeli-Egyptian Summit

A "large section" of the Israeli Government opposes an international conference on the Middle East problem and the U.S. Administration likewise "absolutely objects" to the idea, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir stressed during interviews with Jerusalem television and radio 14 September. Shamir said he cannot understand Prime Minister Shim'on Peres' support for a conference, which would put a "great deal" of Israel's fate into the hands of elements with alien or opposing interests.

Peres defended his position at a news conference broadcast by Jerusalem radio prior to his departure for the United States, stating that he is not occupied in satisfying the Likud's views but in acting on the basis of the government's mandate. Israel rejects a Palestinian state and negotiations with the PLO, he said, but "other fields are fair game for initiatives." Asked about U.S. reservations over an international conference, he said there is "full understanding" between Israel and the United States on the need to accompany direct negotiations with an international forum, provided the latter has no power to coerce and is not a substitute for direct negotiations. As for the preparatory committee agreed on by Peres and Egyptian President Husni Mubarak, the prime minister noted during an earlier news conference carried by the radio that Israel and Egypt have not yet begun work on the committee's "participants and procedures," and he pointed out that this is "not an issue that can be solved overnight."

For Egypt's part, a 13 September Cairo radio commentary viewed the outcome of the summit favorably, stating that "an important change" has taken place and that Mubarak and Peres have managed to open the door for anyone wishing to participate in the peace process. The radio said the PLO should now coordinate with Jordan in order to join the peace process, which can no longer tolerate "stalling or procrastination." However, a Baghdad Voice of PLO radio commentary the same day viewed the Peres-Mubarak summit as a "great failure," adding that it would have been better if the meeting had not taken place.

West Bank

A young Arab woman was killed by an IDF soldier after she stabbed another soldier in Hebron, Jerusalem radio reported.

Lebanon

Israeli aircraft destroyed a boat used by "terrorists" south of Sidon 12 September, Jerusalem radio reported, adding that the vessel was attacked while it was positioned on land, where it was being prepared for a terrorist attack against Israel. AFP cited reports that four Palestinian civilians were wounded in the raid, which was directed against targets belonging to the organization headed by Sabri al-Banna, alias Abu Nidal.

In other developments in the south, three army of southern Lebanon [ASL] soldiers were killed in a 14 September attack on ASL positions near Jazzin, according to Voice of Lebanon radio. The radio also reported that French UNIFIL troops vacated positions east of Ma'rakah in view of recent attacks on them. Another French soldier was killed and five were wounded in a landmine attack 13 September, AFP noted.

In Beirut, the "Partisans of Law and Liberty" claimed responsibility for the 14 September terrorist attack in the French capital, Paris radio reported, and the "Committee of Solidarity with Arab and Middle East Political Prisoners" warned that "the fire will increase" unless France releases Georges Ibrahim 'Abdallah and other Arab prisoners. Responsibility for the recent kidnapping of two U.S. citizens in Beirut was claimed by the "Al-Ba'th Cells Organization" and the " 'Umar al-Mukhtar Forces of the Arab Revolutionary Cells," according to Voice of Lebanon and Beirut radio reports.

Iran-Iraq War

An Iraqi communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio announced that Iraqi planes raided five Iranian oil-pumping stations 13 September. The communique acknowledged the loss of an Iraqi plane during the raids, and IRNA disclosed that the aircraft was shot down in the Khorramabad area. Iranian planes had raided Iraqi oil installations in the Kirkuk region the previous day, according to IRNA.

As for attacks in the Gulf, Voice of the Masses broadcast announcements that Iraq hit two large maritime targets 13 September and an oil tanker the following day.

In another development, INA claimed that Iranian "agents" were responsible for the assassination of the Iraqi vice consul in Karachi 14 September. An Iranian Embassy spokesman in Islamabad denied that Iran was responsible, AFP reported. An anonymous caller told a news agency in Beirut that the "Al-Rafidayn Organization" was responsible, according to Radio Monte Carlo, which noted that the same group claimed responsibility for kidnapping an Iraqi diplomat in Cyprus last August.

Internal Developments in Iran, Iraq

A 12 September Tehran radio commentary denied Western reports that Iranian opposition elements recently succeeded in broadcasting a program on Iranian television featuring the late shah's son. The alleged program "never existed," according to the radio, which also carried an interview with the director general of radio and television, who said such "lies" were fabricated by the "counterrevolution" in order to create "pessimism and division."

On the internal situation in Iraq, SANA cited a report by the Beirut paper *Al-Safir* that the authorities recently executed former National Assembly Speaker Na'im Haddad and Baghdad region commander 'Umar al-Hazza'.

Turkish Policy on Iraq, Syria

A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by ANATOLIA denied a *Wall Street Journal* report that Turkey has threatened to seize parts of northern Iraq if the latter is defeated by Iran. Turkey will continue to respect the territorial integrity of all Mideast countries, the spokesman stressed. Official sources also stressed that Turkey has no hard evidence of Syrian or Libyan involvement in the Istanbul synagogue massacre, according to ANATOLIA. However, the Voice of Lebanon maintained that Turkey closed "all land crossings" along its border with Syria following the massacre, and the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon stated that Turkish-Syrian relations are tense and deteriorating. The Lebanese Christian radio stations cited reports that Abu Nidal's organization carried out the Istanbul attack with Syrian backing.

Al-Qadhdhafi's African Tour

"An understanding has been reached" with the Ethiopian president concerning the situation in southern Sudan and developments will take place that will "end this war," Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi stated in remarks reported by Tripoli television following his return to Libya 14 September. He noted that his visit to Addis Ababa over the weekend was aimed at "finding the facts" about the southern Sudan situation, "which is disturbing the brothers in the Sudan in view of the fact that Ethiopia is the base of John Garang and his fighters." The Libyan leader expressed satisfaction that his efforts to prevent friction between Sudan and Ethiopia have proved fruitful. Col al-Qadhdhafi also commented favorably on his visit to Uganda, which he described as a "semi-Jamahiriyah" with a "revolutionary-popular" system of government.

Tunisia

President Habib Bourguiba appointed a new foreign minister 15 September, replacing Beji Caid es-Sebsi with Hedi Mabrouk, Tunisian ambassador to France, according to a statement by the prime minister cited by KUNA.

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Najibullah Meets GDR Party Delegation

LD112150 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, met this morning at his office with the delegation of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany headed by Comrade Erich Honecker, member of the party's Central Committee. During the meeting, which took place in a friendly atmosphere talks were held on subjects of mutual interest.

Najibullah Receives Youths Going to USSR

LD132016 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Comrade Najibullah, PDPA Central Committee general secretary this afternoon received the delegation of Afghan youths who will be going soon to Tashkent, the capital of the Uzbek SSR, to take part in the second friendship festival of Afghan-Soviet youths, at the headquarters of the party Central Committee. Comrade Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee was also present. Comrade Najibullah talked to them in a friendly and comradely atmosphere.

A BIA correspondent reports that Comrade Najibullah said in his conversation: From what I have been told, among you are the DRA proud heros, Joma Khan and Sherzamin; workers with long term of service, and very young but heroic people who have been outstanding in work, education, and combat. Comrade Najibullah said: The trust of your friends in you is a great responsibility. The festival is a great political event, an important incident in the life of the Democratic Youth of Afghanistan and in the life of the Soviet Union Komsomol to which not only has the attention of our people been attracted but also the attention of people throughout the world. You should learn from the experiences of the Komsomol and how to apply them in your country. Comrade Najibullah said: Participation in the festival will give each of you a chance to find new friends, to expand your thinking and, when you come home, to tell your people about the festival. Comrade Najibullah wished them success in the work of the second friendship festival of Afghan-Soviet youths.

The BIA correspondent added that Comrade Farid Ahmad Mazdak, first secretary of the Democratic Youth of Afghanistan Central Committee, told Comrade Najibullah about the work and preparation which have been carried out by our youths in various spheres to take part in the festival.

Dost Departs for UN General Assembly Via Moscow

LD121539 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Kabul, 12 Sep (BAKHTAR) — Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost left for New York via Moscow this morning to participate in the 41st session of the UN General Assembly and its special sessions concerning the independence of Namibia. At Kabul airport Shah Muhammad Dost was seen off by Commerce Minister Muhammad Khan Jalalar, deputy minister, a number of heads of departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Pavel Petrovich Mozhayev, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiory of the USSR in Kabul.

Border Opened for Return of Pakistani Leader

NC122118 Paris AFP in English 2105 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 12 (AFP) — Afghanistan on Friday opened its border with Pakistan to allow free entry to tribesmen to greet returning pro-Moscow Pakistani politician, Abdul Wali Khan. Mr. Wali Khan was returning to Pakistan after a week-long trip to the Soviet Union after which he held talks in Kabul with senior government officials.

Hundreds of members of his Awami National Party (ANP) waiting at the Torkham border were allowed free entry into Afghanistan. People went up to four kms (three miles) inside Afghanistan, sources in Peshawar said. "There was no distinction between Pakistan and Afghanistan", they said. Tribal Pathans fired their Kalashnikov rifles in the air to celebrate and shouted "Down with America."

Mr. Khan, who arrived in Peshawar by motorcade, accused the United States of "interfering" in Afghanistan through Pakistan. He told a rally that "peace in the region can only be restored when Afghan refugees are sent back to their country" to take part in elections now underway in several Afghan provinces.

Karachi Reports Afghan Mujahidin Successes

BK131542 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] The Afghan mujahidin are reported to have destroyed at least one aircraft and damaged three others in recent rocket attacks at Jalalabad airport. A report quoting Afghan sources said the mujahidin fired about 37 rockets at the area where military transport planes and helicopters were parked. At least 10 Kabul soldiers were either killed or wounded in the explosions. Another report from Afghanistan says the mujahidin have foiled the Soviet-Kabul forces' attack on Orgun town of Paktia Province. The attacking troops, who suffered heavy losses in men and materiel, were pushed toward Ghazni. The mujahidin have been reportedly besieging the Kabul administration's reinforcement in the (danvardak) and (Manti) areas for 2 weeks. They captured a number of Kabul soldiers, of whom 15 joined mujahidin ranks during these attacks.

Afghan Mujahidin Reportedly Force Soviet Retreat

BK150824 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the Afghan mujahidin forced a big Soviet-Kabul forces' convoy, consisting of armored vehicles, tanks, and oil tankers, to retreat. The mujahidin launched their attack when the convoy was advancing toward Paktia Province, damaging several oil tankers and armored vehicles. The mujahidin also captured a machine gun and several Kalashnikov rifles.

Ershad Regrets Opposition Boycott of Election

BK140727 Hong Kong AFP in English 0714 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Dhaka, Sept 14 (AFP) — Bangladesh's President Hussain Mohammad Ershad has said he regrets the mainstream opposition's announcement Saturday that it will boycott the October 15 presidential election, news media here reported Sunday.

The official news agency BSS quoted the president as having said at a public meeting Saturday that "some political elements" had been trying to obstruct his plan to establish democracy in the country. He did not identify these elements.

He urged people to be on the alert against such elements.

Mr. Ershad did not say whether the boycott threat would affect the timing of the election. [passage omitted]

The seven-party opposition alliance led by Begum Khaleda Zia and a breakaway five-party group announced Saturday a joint campaigns against next month's election and called a nationwide general strike on the proposed polling day.

They also called for rallies and protest demonstrations to be held on the day for the filing of nominations, September 17.

The eight-party opposition alliance headed by Sheikh Hasina Wajed also decided to observe September 17 as "demonstration day" in protest against what it called the unilateral decision of the government to hold a presidential election.

However, it did not say whether it planned any protests on election day.

The Islamic fundamentalist opposition party, the Jamaat-e Islami, which along with the eight-party alliance particapated in a general election in May that was marred by violence and alleged rigging, also decided to hold demonstrations on nomination day.

Prime Minister Returns from Harare 11 Sep

BK111556 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury returned to Dhaka today after leading an 8-member delegation to the Nonaligned summit in Harare. Besides attending the conference, Mr Chowdhury met a number of world leaders and discussed matters of bilateral, regional and international issues.

Chowdhury Gives Assurances on Presidential Election

BK140722 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] The prime minister has said the coming presidential election will be absolutely free and fair. At a news conference in Dhaka yesterday, Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury said the presidential polls is essential to complete the restoration of democracy in the country. The prime minister indicated that elections might not be held as scheduled on the 15th of next month as the day coincides with the tragic death of 39 students by a roof collapse in Dhaka University last year. The government has drawn the attention of the election commission in this regard.

About the nonaligned summit in Harare, Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury said Bangladesh played a very positive and constructive role there. The outcome of the summit will help strengthen the cohesiveness of the movement. The prime minister led an 8-member delegation to the week-long conference.

Khandokar Appointed to Planning Ministry

BK131728 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Air Vice Marshal — retired — A.K. Khandokar has been appointed as an adviser to the president. An official announcement in Dhaka today said Air Vice Marshal Khandokar will enjoy the rank and status of a minister and will perform all functions of a minister in the Ministry of Planning. The newly appointed adviser called on President Ershad at the CMLA [Chief Martial Law Administrator] Secretariat this evening.

Nuclear Research Reactor Commissioned

BK141615 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] A 3-megawatt research reactor was commissioned at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Savar near Dhaka today. The chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission told newsmen that the 180-million taka reactor will help establish a scientific and technological base in nuclear science and technology in the country. The opening of the reactor was witnessed by the secretary of the Ministry of Energy and senior officials of the Atomic Energy Commission. The chairman said the safety of the reactor was thoroughly examined by a committee of experts. It will not pose any safety problem of health or health hazards to the workers and the public during normal operation. He added that this reactor is covered under the safeguard agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Bomb Explosions Reported Near Dhaka

BK150749 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] In Bangladesh, at least two persons were killed and seven injured when several home-made bombs exploded last night in a clandestine manufacturing plant on the outskirts of Dhaka. One of the injured had his right hand amputated in hospital. Police have sealed the plant and arrested 12 persons in this connection.

Gandhi Warning on Sale of F-16C to Pakistan

BK130905 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 0838 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said that the U.S. Government clearly knows that Pakistan is going ahead with a nuclear weapons programme but is doing nothing to prevent it.

In an interview with *The Washington Post* he pointed out that while Reagan administration has a strict nuclear certification process before giving aid to other countries, there are much milder requirements for Pakistan.

Gandhi warned that if the United States accepts Pakistan's request for sale of 10 advanced F-16c fighter aircraft it would be a provocative step in the subcontinent and another American contribution to the arms race.

Answering a question on the recent hijacking in Karachi, the prime minister said information that is coming in clearly substantiates his charge that Pakistan handled seizure in a hamhanded manner. He said that since the Pan Am flight had originated in Bombay and there were about 200 Indians on board India should have been kept up-to-date on what was happening.

Official on Building Frigates, FRG-Aided Subs

BK140959 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] The public sector Mazagaon dock is to take up the construction of third-generation frigates for the Navy. The multipurpose battleship will be fitted with the latest equipment and weapons system.

The chairman and managing director of the Mazagaon dock told newsmen that gas turbines will be used in these frigates for the first time. He said a special yard has been set up in the dock for the construction of submarines with West German collaboration. Besides the construction of offshore patrol vessels for the Coast Guards, the Mazagaon dock has also taken up the building up of offshore platforms for oil exploration.

Foreign Ministry To Set Up 'African Cell'

BK150326 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] An Africa cell is to be set up in the Ministry of External Affairs to pursue the implementation of the decisions taken at the Harare summit for dismantling apartheid. This was announced by the external affairs minister, Mr P. Shiv Shankar. He said the cell is being set up as a followup to the summit decisions to constitute a 9-member committee under the chairmanship of the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, to create a solidarity fund for the Frontline States to help them fight apartheid.

Pakistani Embassy Denies Press Reports

BK140626 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] The Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi has refuted a report in the section of Indian press that Pakistan Government had delayed permission to Indian relief plane to land at Karachi. The minister for press in the Embassy in a statement said every cooperation was extended by the Pakistan Government in this respect. He said even the Indian minister of state for civil aviation on his return from Pakistan had ascertained that Pakistan authorities had been cooperative. He said we in Pakistan are deeply pained as anyone else at the loss of lives that occurred and our hearts go out to the bereaved families. The terrorists outrage was something against which all nations should stand united.

Two Intruders From Pakistan Shot Dead

BK150847 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Two intruders from Pakistan were shot dead by the Border Security Force [BSF] near the Hindumalkot international border when they where trying to sneak into Rajasthan. BSF sources in New Delhi said three intruders trying to sneak into India opened fire at the BSF when they were challenged. Two of the intruders were killed when the fire was returned. One person, however, managed to escape under the cover of darkness.

Six Policemen Killed by Tripura Extremists

BK131605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] In Tripura, six policemen and a civilian were killed by TNV [Tripura National Volunteers] extremists near Karnamunipara in the north district this morning. Official sources say that the policemen were ambushed while going in the jeep from Ganganagar police camp to (Ambata.) The extremists took away four rifles and some ammunition. Senior civil and police officials have rushed to the spot.

Violence Reported in Jammu-Kashmir Areas

BK141603 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] The situation in Hiranagar Town in Jammu and Kashmir remained peaceful today after violent incidents yesterday in which 15 persons were injured. The Panthers Party president, Mr Bhim Singh, and the Congress-I member of Legislative Assembly, Mr Ram Das Dogra, have demanded a judicial inquiry into the incidents.

The Srinagar, three persons were injured in a blast at a local cinema hall in the cantonement area today. One of the injured has been taken to hospital in a serious condition.

Five Killed, Injured in Clashes in Darjeeling

BK150757 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] In West Bengal, two persons died and three others injured yesterday in clashes between CPI-M and the so-called Gurkha National Liberation Front supporters at two places in Siliguri subdivision of Darjeeling District. The Siliguri SDO [sub-divisional officer] told our correspondent this morning that the situation is now under control. Police pickets have been posted at these areas, and the Border Security Force has been alerted. The SDO further said that three persons have been arrested in this connection.

Left Front Calls Strike To Protest Killings

BK150811 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] In Tripura, normal life is reported to have been affected by the 12-hour statewide bundh [strike] called by the ruling Left Front to protest against the extremists' killings on Saturday. *Press Trust of India*, reporting from Agartala, says shops and other business establishments remained closed and vehicular traffic was off the road. Attendance in government offices is also reported to be poor. Indian Airlines flights from Calcutta and Guwarighat, however, operated as train services between Tripura and Assam also remained unaffected. No untoward incident has been reported from anywhere so far.

Bhutto Says U.S. Support for Zia 'Unfortunate'

BK130945 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] The leader of the Pakistan People's Party, Miss Benazir Bhutto, says she will continue efforts to lead her country to democracy. In an interview to an American television network she accused the Pakistani Army of having arrested more than 20,000 people in Punjab alone during the recent crackdown. Miss Bhutto says that the opposition in Pakistan will continue its campaign for democracy through political means. She described the U.S. backing for General Zia as unfortunate. American support should be for strengthening democracy rather than for the dictatorship, she added. In another interview, Miss Butto accused the Pakistan Government of using brutal force to crush the democratic process.

Noorani Comments on Afghan Talks, Indian Ties

BK140308 Rawalpindi THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English 5 Sep 86 pp 1, 12

[Text] Sukkur, Sept. 4: The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Zain Noorani, has said that the solution of Afghanistan issue can only be found through political negotiations and not through confrontation and only with this end in view Pakistan has always extended full cooperation in Geneva talks.

Talking to newsmen on arrival here this afternoon from Karachi, Mr. Zain Noorani said that so far seven rounds of the Geneva talks have taken place and at each round some headway is achieved towards the solution of Afghanistan issue.

He said that on Tuesday last he had a meeting with the Director, Asia Bureau of the Soviet Government, and evidently the Soviets say that they wanted to withdraw their forces from Afghanistan and for this they make a reference to their offer to recall 6,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Mr. Zain Noorani said that he pointed out at the meeting that if withdrawal of 6000 Soviet troops would take six months how many years will it take to withdraw 120,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Mr. Zain Noorani said that it had taken three days for the Soviet troops to enter Afghanistan.

He said that another important point for consideration was how the Soviets would pursue the Afghan ruler now that these Afghan refugees on their return from Pakistan and Iran in the wake of successful Geneva talk would be given their basic rights and that they would not be deprived of their right of franchise so that an independent and non-aligned Government could be formed in Afghanistan in accordance with the wishes of their people.[sentence as published]

To a question Mr. Zain Noorani said that no formal conditions had been laid to make Iran a party to Afghanistan issue. However, he said Pakistan has always taken Iran into confidence at every stage during Gevena talks

Replying to another question, the Minister for State for Foreign Affairs said that Indian Premier Rajiv Gandhi had not cancelled his visit to Pakistan but has postponed it.

He, however, observed that it was in the interest of India for better Indo-Pak relations that Rajiv Gandhi should pay a visit to Pakistan to have a real appraisal of the situation and to know the sentiments of the people of Pakistan rather than going on the advices of bureaucrats of his country who have never accepted the creation of Pakistan in real sense since 1947 and nor they want to see Pakistan develop.

Mr. Zain Noorani said that they do not want to see an end to the existing differences between the two countries. He said that it was not enough for Mr. Rajiv Gandhi to say that Indians wanted better relationship with Pakistan. Mr. Zain Noorani referred to the efforts made by the President, Gen. Mohammad Ziaul Haq in bringing harmony in relations between India and Pakistan and said that only India will be held responsible if any setback was caused to the headway made as a results of these efforts.

He said even today Pakistan was keen to have better relationship between the two independent countries on the basis of equality.

Yaqub Khan Leaves for Beijing, New York

BK140825 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Islamabad this morning for Beijing on his way to New York where he will lead the Pakistani delegation to the 41st session of the UN General Assembly which begins on 16 September. The chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, Mr Munir Ahmed Khan, is accompanying the foreign minister. During his stay in Beijing the foreign minister will hold talks with Chinese leaders on international issues of mutual concern. He will also discuss bilateral matters with his Chinese counterpart, Mr Wu Xueqian.

An agreement on bilateral cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy between China and Pakistan will be signed in Beijing tomorrow [15 September].

Iraqi Diplomat Killed by Car Bomb

BK140808 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] A bomb exploded in the car of an Iraqi diplomat in Karachi this morning killing the diplomat. He was going to the consulate from his residence. Police are investigating.

Further Details

BK140648 Hong Kong AFP in English 0647 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] Karachi, Pakistan, Sept 14 (AFP) — An Iraqi diplomat was killed and his companion seriously woundd Sunday when a powerful bomb planted in their car exploded in a commerical area of Karachi, police said.

Police said they suspected Iranian terrorists, but had no definite leads.

Mahir 'Abd al-Salam, vice-consul at the Iraqi Consulate, was setting off for his office around 9:15 a.m. when the car exploded, killing him instantly. His companion, whom police could not immediately identify, was rushed to a local hospital, where his condition was said to be critical.

According to eye witnesses, the car was torn apart by the force of the explosion wich was heard for several miles across the city, the capital of Sind Province in southern Pakistan.

Senior police officials were conducting investigations on the spot.

The area around the Iraqi Consulate was sealed off and police were guarding the offices of Iraq's national airline and other establisments.

Police said the explosion took place near the main Gizri Market in a fashionable area of the city. They believe the attackers planted the explosives in the diplomat's car just before he left his house.

The attack came 10 days after a dramatic hijacking of a Pan American jumbo jet at Karachi airport by four Arab gunmen which left 21 people dead and more than 100 injured.

In Islamabad, a statement from the Iraqi Embassy blamed Iran for the attack and said the Iraq ambassador was on his way to the Foreign Ministry seeking an immediate inquiry.

Embassy spokesman Hasan Khalaf said the attack was not the first by Iran against Iraqi diplomats in Karachi, and that another diplomat at the consulate had escaped an assassination bid four months ago.

Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 22, 1980.

Iran Denies Responsibility

NC141758 Paris AFP in English 1748 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 14 (AFP) — An Iranian Embassy official here denied that Tehran was involved in the Karachi car bomb attack Sunday which killed an Iraqi diplomat.

He said Iran "does not need to resort" to such acts, and that it inflicted enough causalties against Iraq in the six-year-old Gulf war.

The Iraqi Embassy here earlier claimed that Iran was responsible for the killing of Mahir 'Abd al-Salam, vice consul at the Iraqi consulate. His car blew up, killing him instantly, and critically wounding a person riding with him who was not immediately identified.

Suspected Highjacking Leader Had Libyan Passport

BK121600 Hong Kong AFP in English 1548 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 12 (AFP) — Sulman Taraqi, the suspect arrested here Wednesday in connection with last week's hijacking of a Pan Am jet at Karachi airport, was carrying a Libyan passport, police said Friday, but they admitted that a second suspect escaped.

Investigators said Wednesday's arrest followed questioning of four gunmen arrested after the hijacking was ended by Pakistani Commandos and about 100 Arabs resident in Pakistan detained since last Friday.

The gunmen held the plane for 16 hours before it was stormed, leaving 21 dead and more than 100 injured.

The suspect who escaped when Mr. Taraqi was arrested at Islamabad airport, was said to have taken refuge at the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) office in Islamabad, but a PLO official said his group had nothing to do with the hijacking.

Investigators said Sulman Taraqi had been in Pakistan for six weeks and that his passport indicated that he had come from Larnaca in Cyprus, where the gunmen had demanded the Boeing 747 jet be taken.

Urdu daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* said Thursday he was the mastermind of the hijack gang, but his real nationality or his link to the hijacking has not yet been [words indistinct]

Police have said he is a young Palestinian carrying a Libyan passport and the government has identified the four gunmen as Palestinians.

A source close to the government said he was a Libyan official who visited foreign missions. The Libyan People's Bureau has so far refused to comment.

All Pakistani officials have remained circumspect about Mr. Taraqi's possible role in the hijacking, except for saying that nothing yet pinpointed him as the leader of the operation.

The official *Associated Press of Pakistan* confirmed his arrest Thursday saying "he was suspected of being involved in the hijacking" and that he had been sent back to Karachi for questioning, but did not give further details.

Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Authority in Karachi said Friday that threats had been made to hijack Pakistan International Airline jets in an attempt to obtain the release of the four arrested hijackers.

No details were given about the origin of the threats.

PLO Denies Hiding Escaped Highjacking Suspect

NC122115 Paris AFP in English 2101 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 12 (AFP) — Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative in Pakistan here Friday

denied that an accomplice of the suspected mastermind of the Karachi hijacking was hiding in his mission.

'Abd al-Razzaq al-Samin invited journalists to come in to check for themselves following a newspaper report here that an associate of Sulman Taraqi, considered the hijackers' leader, had taken refuge in a PLO mission in Islamabad.

Mr Taraqi, who was travelling on a Libyan passport, was arrested Wednesday soon after he arrived here, but another suspect with him evaded arrest.

Mr 'Abd al-Razzaq said he had already told the Pakistan Government that he had no objection to a search of the PLO office.

He repeated that the PLO had "nothing to do" with gunmen who seized the aircraft last week, killing 21 and wounding more than 100 in wild firing on board the jumbo jet.

Niger President in Karachi on Short Visit

BK150536 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0500 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Niger President Kountche was accorded a warm welcome when he arrived in Karachi a short while ago on a brief visit. He was received at the airport by President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, Sind Governor Lieutenant General Jahandad Khan, Chief Minister Syed Ghaus Ali Shah, provincial ministers and senior officials. Later, the distinguished guest left in a motorcade for the Governor House where he will stay and hold informal talks with the president on bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest. The president will then host a luncheon in honor President Kountche who leaves Karachi this evening for Beijing. President Ziaul Haq will see him off at the airport. The Niger president is accompanied by a 34-member delegation, including 5 cabinet ministers.

SRI LANKA

Jayewardene Claims Agreement With TULF Close

BK150308 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] The Sri Lanka president has claimed that 90 percent agreement has been reached with the Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF] on the latest proposals to solve the ethnic problem. Speaking at a meeting in Colombo yesterday, Mr Jayewardene said the legislation to set up provincial councils will soon be introduced in parliament once the TULF, the militant groups, and the Indian Government agreed. Our Colombo correspondent, Plabon Majumder, reports that the president has said this step will bring a permanent solution to the problem wihtout a recourse to war.

Meanwhile, three people were killed in booby trap explosions in the northern district of Anuradhapura yesterday. An official statement in Colombo said an old woman was killed when a flashlight brought home by her granddaughter exploded as they tried to switch it on. Two other persons were also killed in similar explosions. The statement, however, did not say who were responsible for the flashlight bombs.

Prime Minister on Steps To End Violence

BK121713 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Prime Minister Premadasa told the Parliament today that the government was making every attempt to avoid violence in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, which have been hit by terrorist activities. The prime minister was replying to a question raised by the MP for Maharagama, Dinesh Gunewardene, during an adjournment. Mr Gunewardene wanted to know the measures the government was taking in response to the terrorists' attempt to issue separate Eelam stamps and collect the income of (?vehicles) as appeared in newspapers.

The prime minister said that it was wrong to accuse the Armed Forces. Recalling the insurgency in 1971, the prime minister said that the then government was in a position to end the crisis within a short period as it was only an internal dispute. However, he said that about 25,000 people were killed in the 1971 incident.

Mr Premadasa also said that the Indian prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, was extending his cooperation to end the bloodshed in the north.

Minister 'Unhappy' Over Amnesty Tamil Report

BK131111 Hong Kong AFP in English 0631 GMT 13 Sep 86

[By Neville de Silva]

[Text] Colombo, Sept 13 (AFP) — An Amnesty International report on Sri Lanka alleging that Tamils arrested by the security forces have disappeared is one-sided, sources in the government here argued Saturday.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said he was unhappy that the report by the human rights monitoring body was not only based largely on affidavits about persons who had allegedly disappeared, but also ignored counter-affidavits the government had filed last month with a U.S. committee.

"I do not know why Amnesty International has made no reference in its report to these counter-affidavits," he said.

In an 89-page report released this week Amnesty details 272 cases of people reported to have been seized by the security forces in the last 20 months.

It depends heavily on affidavits from relatives or others saying that people detained by the security forces have disappeared, government legal sources said.

The sources said the government had last month filed with the U.N. working group on disappearances in Geneva counter-affidavits in respect of all but two of the cases mentioned in the Amnesty report.

"Representatives of Amnesty International would have monitored the sessions of this five-member working group, but strangely enough no reference is made to this in the report released last week," one source said.

The working group is expected to submit its report to the U.N. Human Rights Committee, which is due to meet Geneva in February next year, the sources said.

Mr. Athulathmudali said that depending on affidavits alone was dangerous because the evidence could not be tested by cross-examination. He said any person alleging a disappearance could have filed a fundamental rights application in the Supreme Court here.

The authorities have established that in several alleged cases of disappearance the persons in question had been taken by Tamil separatist guerrillas, left the country, or been recruited by separatist groups, he said.

The sources also accused Amnesty International of selective use of evidence. They cited as an example the case of Paul Nallanayagam, a Sri Lankan Tamil who is now a Canadian citizen, who was charged with sedition but cleared in court.

They said the report quoted excerpts from defence evidence heard in court, but not what had emerged in cross-examination by state counsel, which gave a different complexion to the evidence quoted.

On the issue of alleged torture of Tamil detainees the sources said that, in six years or so, in only two instances had Sri Lankan courts held that detainees had been victims of physical abuse.

Tamil guerrillas are fighting for a separate state in the largely Tamil north and east of Sinhalese-dominated Sri Lanka.

Energy Minister Returns from Turkey, Comments

LD131641 Tehran IRNA in English 1327 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 13, IRNA — Minister of Energy Mohammad Taqi Banki returned home Saturday, after a five-day official visit to Turkey.

Briefing reporters on his visit Banki said that he conveyed Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi's message to the Turkish Premier Turgut Ozal and also discussed with him the Iraqi imposed war and the recent victories of Iran's Muslim combatants.

Concerning the Islamic Republic's rights to exploit waters of the border river Idgir, [spelling as received] Banqi said that he discussed the issue with Turkish officials and it was agreed that a Turkish delegation will visit Iran shortly for further talks.

Banqi expressed hope that the two sides would reach an agreement on a comprehensive project of investment to share the river's waters on a monthly basis.

Saudi Arabia Viewed as Tool of U.S. Interests

LD122309 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 11 Sep 86

["Behind the News" program; unattributed commentary]

[Text] During the past 2 days the international media has shown interest in a news item relayed by U.S. CBS television last Tuesday evening in which it said that the Saudi Government, at the request of the United States, gives financial support to those opposing the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

We do not want to (?investigate) this news item because either way it has to be denied by the Saudi Government. We have to say that past experience calls for not rejecting the idea of Saudi involvement in such initiatives, especially as the United States — which adopted a public course of opposing the Nicaraguan Government with the aim of toppling it — is inclined toward exploiting the political or economic resources of its allies.

In many events in the region it was revealed that the Saudi Government played a role which primarily served the interests of the United States. For instance, we point to the recent Moroccan opening for the Zionist entity, which took a public character after the Ifrane meeting between Hassan II and Peres: Saudi Arabia played a role in that meeting. This was confirmed by Moroccan political and information sources. Such a step is in full accord with U.S. policies in the region.

As far as oil is concerned, the Saudi positions usually take into consideration the interests of the United States and the West, and it imposes them on the OPEC countries, even if the negative aspects [word indistinct] Saudi Arabia itself. This became quite clear during the stages of the oil price collapse, brought about by the huge oil glut created by Saudi Arabia and its allies in the international oil market.

We are not going to review more evidence, but we would like to say that if this CBS news item is correct, it is painful to see a great Islamic country becoming the prey of U.S. aggressive will in such a way.

We leave it to the listener to contemplate the meaning of this new picture of the bitter political reality in some of our Islamic countries.

Army Commander Vows 'Response' to 'Vicious Acts'

LD131709 Tehran IRNA in English 1503 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Khorramabad, Lorestan Prov., Sept. 13, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni's representative at the Supreme Defence Council Colonel 'Ali Sayyad-Shirazi said Friday that Iran will deploy its full potential in response to Baghdad's vicious acts and retaliate by destroying military and economic targets in Iraq.

Shirazi who is currently here on an inspection tour, referred to the latest Iranian missile attack on Baghdad saying that "We are not at war with the Iraqi people and therefore we warn them before any retaliatory action."

Iran fired a missile at the headquarters of the Iraqi Information and Security Organization in Baghdad Thursday midnight.

Col. Shirazi said the deployment of 500 battalion strong Iranian volunteer forces in battlefronts will usher the war into a new stage which will result in the ultimate downfall of the Iraqi regime.

Formerly serving as commander of the ground forces, Col. Shirazi in August was appointed Imam Khomeyni's representative at the Supreme Defence Council until the end of the Iraqi-imposed war.

Colonel Hoseyn Hasani-Sa'di took his position as the Army commander.

Missile on Baghdad Destroyed Security Center

LD131445 Tehran IRNA in English 1430 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept 13, IRNA — The missile fired on Baghdad Thursday midnight, destroyed the training center of Iraqi security agents as well as a computer site, said a spokesman for the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) here Saturday.

According to SAIRI the center was a major department of the Iraqi information and security organization and was used for training torturers and interrogators.

The missile unit of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) fired the missile at the headquarters of the Iraqi information and security organization in Baghdad at 00:47 hours local time Friday (21:17 GMT Thursday).

Further Reports on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique 2,592

LD121647 Tehran IRNA in English 1630 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 12, IRNA — In retaliation for the Iraqi attacks on Iranian residential quarters, the Iranian Air Force pilots at 15:16 hours local time (11:46 hours GMT) hit Iraqi oil installations, 50 kms from Kirkuk, said Joint Staff Communique No 2,592 issued here Friday afternoon. The Iranian pilots after setting ablaze parts of the installations, returned safe to their bases, it added.

Muslim forces of Iran stationed in southern sectors of war fronts, while keeping enemy positions, fortifications,and supply roads under fire, opened heavy long range artillery fire on seveal industrial targets of Iraq opposite Khorramshahr and Abadan, and inflicted considerable losses and damages, it said.

In operational region of Eynkhosh, the Muslim combatants kept enemy's armoured units under artillery fire and set ablaze several Iraqi tanks.

In operational theater of Nahr-Anbar, the Iranian forces checked enemy troop movements. As for the Hoseyniyeh operational region, the communique said that the Iraqi artillery units were kept under fire.

In western fronts, the communique said that the Iranian air defence units intercepted and chased away enemy planes from residential areas and battlefields of Islamabad.

In operational theater of Mehran and Qasr-e Shirin, it added, the Iranian heavy artillery checked movements of the Iraqi forces including supply and engineering units, and inflicted heavy losses and damages. The Iranian forces destroyed a number of Iraqi vehicles and killed its passengers.

According to the communique in Hajj 'Umran, Panjwin, and Sardashtoperational theater the Iranian forces, silenced enemy artillery fire and stopped enemy movements.

The Iranian gendarmerie forces in southern fronts pounded an enemy command post and set ablaze a munition depot.

The Iraqi Ba'thist forces in continuation of their criminal acts against Iranian civilians, at 10:05 and 10:10 hours local time Friday morning bombed the Iranian cites of Karand-e Gharb [name as received], Sar-e Pol-e Zahab, and their suburbs. The Karand-e Gharb some 30 civilians were martyred or injured. In Sar-e Pol-e Zahab, it added, five civilians were martyred or injured.

The city of Abadan during the past week was under the long range artillery fire of the enemy which has caused destruction, it concluded.

Chemical Weapon Attack Reported

LD121724 Tehran IRNA in English 1500 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Sept, 12, IRNA — The Iraqi forces dropped chemical bombs on Majnun Island Thursday afternoon injuring a number of the Muslim combatants.

The Iraqi Ba'thist regime which has constantly violated international laws banning usage of chemical weapons, once again deployed the weapon against the Iranian forces in the island to cover up its weakness.

The Muslim combatants of Iran in a limited offensive early Thursday morning took captive a number of Iraqi forces and killed scores of them. The enemy suffered massive losses.

More Troops Sent to Front

NC130803 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Within the framework of the departure of the people's forces to the battlefronts against the Zionist enemy, two combat battalions from the Bijar and Karaj Districts left for the operational zones amid a warm send-off by local residents. According to a Central News Unit report, the 14th Technical Combat Convoy of the Shahrud Reconstruction Crusade, given the name Abol Fazl ol-'Abbas, left for our country's war zones amid an enthusiastic send-off by local residents and their families. Numerous groups of technical combat forces from the provinces of Mazandaran, Bovir Ahmad va Kohkiluyeh, and Yazd have left for the fronts of the imposed war during the last few days.

Iraqi Warplane Downed

LD130829 Tehran IRNA in English 0824 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text]Khorramabad, Lorestan Prov. Sept. 13, IRNA — An Iraqi warplane was shot down by the Iranian anti-aircraft artillery fire over the sky of Tang-e Fanni in Pol-e-Dokhtar, south west of Khorrambad, at 6.15 GMT Saturday morning.

The pilot who is badly injured has been captured by Muslim combatants and hospitalized.

Invading Iraqi jet fighters attacked Saturday morning an industrial unit in Lorestan Province and inflicted some damage. Several Iranians injured in the air raid were hospitalized.

Red Alert in Tehran

LD130845 Tehran IRNA in English 0843 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 13, IRNA — Invading Iraqi jet fighters violated the air space of Bakhtaran, Hamadan, and Khorramabad in western Iran Saturday morning.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire of Islamic combatants prevented the aggressive aircraft from carrying out any operation. The sound barrier in these cities was broken by the fleeing Iraqi planes.

Simultaneously with these air raids, red siren was sounded in Tehran and the situation returned to normal shortly.

Communique 2,593

LD131549 Tehran IRNA in English 1534 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept 13, IRNA — Surface to air fire of the Iranian Air Force shot down an Iraqi warplane in Lorestan Province, at 09:42 local time (06:12 GMT) Saturday. The pilot was captured by the Muslim combatants.

According to the Communique number 2,593, released by the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces Saturday, artillery fire of the Iranian forces destroyed two observations posts, four group bunkers, a munitions dump and a heavy engineering vehicle of the Iraqi forces in the Western fronts. A number of enemy soldiers were also killed or wounded.

Vast parts of Iraqi fortifications and one munitions depot in Majnun Islands operational region were set afire during the exchange of artillery fire in southern fronts which was somewhat more intense in Majnun Islands, Talaiyeh, Pich-e Angizeh, Faqqeh, and Zayd, said the communique.

Artillery and mortar fire of the Muslim combatants over the Iraqi positions and supply routes in Hajj 'Umran and Kolaleh inflicted some damage and casualties on the enemy, the communique said.

The communique said military-economic centers of the Iraqi city of Basra as well as areas overlooking the border city of Qasr-e Shirin came under Iranian long range artillery fire Friday, sustaining considerable damage. Three Iraqi heavy and light vehicles and two bunkers were also destroyed by the Iranian gendarmerie forces in the region, it added.

Naval forces of Iran, the communique said, defended the coastal waters of the Persian Gulf and maintained control of the Strait of Hormuz Friday and Saturday.

Communique 2,594

LD141545 Tehran IRNA in English 1525 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept, 14, IRNA — The Iranian Naval forces intercepted two foreign cargo ships and escorted them to a southern port at 08:25 and 11:15 hours local time (04:55 and 07:45 hours GMT) Sunday to inspect their cargo.

Communique number 2,594 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces said Sunday that three other vessels were also intercepted in the Persian Gulf waters Saturday. They set sail when no Iraqi-bound cargo was found on board.

The communique also said that Iraqi warplanes bombed Piranshahr and its vicinity in West Azarbayjan Province Saturday during which several houses were destroyed and five civilians were martyred or wounded.

Meanwhile, heavy fire of the Iranian Muslim combatants inflicted considerable damage and casaulties on Iraqi troop concentrations in Albahar [name as received] eastern Basra, Al-Bakr platform and areas overlooking Shalacheh, said the communique.

During the exchange of artillery fire in southern fronts which was more intense in Faqqeh and Chazzabeh operational regions, several Iraqi engineering vehicles were destroyed, according to the communique.

At least 10 Iraqi light and heavy vehicles as well as seven munitions dumps were destroyed as a result of Iranian heavy artillery fire in Mehran and Hajj 'Umran operational regions, said the communique. Several Iraqi gun emplacements were also demolished in Bakhtaran and Ilam fronts, it added.

Mojahedin Score Successes Against Soviet-Afghan Forces

LD131712 Tehran IRNA in English 1614 GMT 13 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept. 13, IRNA — Afghan Mojahedin destroyed three helicopters and killed or wounded scores of joint Soviet-Afghan forces during a series of operations from 4 to 10 September.

The Bagram military airfield, 35 kms north of Kabul, was rocketed by the Mojahedin on September 4, in which two helicopters of the joint forces were destroyed.

The Mojahedin also targetted Jalalabad airport in eastern Afghanistan with surface-to-surface missiles on September 9. No information has yet been reported on the possible damage.

On September 10, the Mojahedin attacked positions of the joint forces in Shenvari governorship, Nangarhar Province, destroying seven outposts and killing 14 communist soldiers.

A helicopter of the joint forces was also shot down and three government soldiers were captured by Mojahedin in the region.

Meanwhile, another group of Mojahedin attacked a military column of the joint forces on the Kabul-Barvan highway, destroying two tanks and 17 military trucks besides killing scores of communist forces. The highway was blocked for five hours following the operation.

In a retaliatory attack, the warplanes of the occupying forces bombed the region martyring nine civilians including two children, two women, and an old man.

Mojahedin Attacks on Villages in Afghanistan Reported

LD141215 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 14 Sep 86

[Text] A column of the occupying forces in Afghanistan suffered considerable damage and casualties when passing a minefield in Qarah Bagh, Ghazni Province on 2 September. The mines were planted by Muslim Afghan revolutionaries. Muslim Afghan revolutionaries also attacked the base of the occupying forces in

the suburb of Esma'il Kheyl of the city of Khurt [spelling as received] on 5 September. They killed a number of the occupying forces and captured military equipment. Following their defeat in their fight against the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries, the communist forces beheaded 42 people in a village 2 week ago.

The IRNA correspondent in Islamabad reports that the communist forces launched an offensive aimed at capturing the Muslim Mojahedin's positions situated west of the city of Herat. As a result of resistance put up by the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries, 900 communist soldiers were killed and 50 were taken prisoner. The same report indicates that following this defeat, the communist forces surrounded the village of Naqiabad [spelling as received] 7 km west of Herat, and beheaded 42 civilians including women, children, and old residents of the village. The latest reports from Herat say that three Muslim revolutionaries were martyred and 50 others were wounded in the battles of the past few days. This report also says that heavy fighting continues between the Muslim revolutionaries and the government and occupying forces in Herat Province.